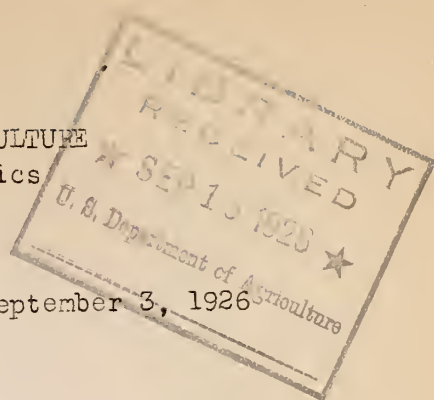


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LARGE APPLE CROP IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

A record crop of apples in British Columbia is indicated by revised estimates of the Provincial Government forwarded by Consul Tewell at Vancouver. Present prospects point to a crop of 3,626,000 boxes as compared with average production for the preceding five years of 2,927,000 boxes and the hitherto record crop of 3,330,000 boxes in 1923. Lack of rain has somewhat affected the coloring of the fruit, states Consul Tewell, but the rapid sizing of the fruit early in the season did much to bring it up to shipping standard in most localities.

There has been a pronounced shortage of water in certain districts, in the Okanagan Valley this season, according to Consul Tewell. Faulty distribution seems to have been largely to blame and to remedy the situation next year it is reported that measuring boxes will be installed in every orchard. Other districts report that the facilities for water storage are inadequate, but this difficulty can only be overcome by the expenditure of large sums of money in providing additional storage basins, a financial program to which most fruit growers apparently are unwilling to consent. The other alternative suggested is the abandonment of cover crops, which require additional water, and the use of nitrates to maintain soil fertility.

The revised estimates of the British Columbia apple crop this season prepared by the Provincial Department of Agriculture, are shown below in comparison with last year's yield.

<u>District</u>	<u>1925 crop</u> <u>boxes</u>	<u>Estimated 1926 crop</u> <u>boxes</u>
Okanagan	2,553,449	3,217,000
Kootenay	244,192	358,500
Vancouver Island	48,652	30,000
Lower Mainland	12,776	20,000
Total	2,859,069	3,625,500

